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SUBJECT: BANCO MINERO CANNOT FIND MARKETS FOR ANTIMONY AND COPPER  
CONCENTRATES

1. GENERAL MANAGER BANCO MINERO (BAMIN), DR. HUGO URIONA, ANNOUNCED  
IN PRESS OF MAY 20 THAT BAMIN WAS FINDING IT VERY DIFFICULT TO TRADE  
IN COOPER, ANTIMONY AND TIN CONCENTRATES. IN CASE OF ANTIMONY AND  
COPPER NO SALES BEING MADE DUE TO LACK OF MARKETS. LOW GRADE TIN  
CONCENTRATES STILL BEING SOLD TO CAPPER PASS AND BERZELIUS WHICH  
TOGETHER BUY 400TONS PER MONTH. HIGH GRADE TIN CONCENTRATE SALES  
WITH CESBRA (BRAZIL) AND METALES POTOSI (MEXICO) WHICH PURCHASED  
MONTHLY 350 TONS HAVE BEEN FULFILLED. CESBRA REPRESENTATIVES  
EXPCTED TO ARRIVE LA PAZ TO RENEW CONTRACT, BUT MEXICAN FIRM  
REPORTEDLY NOT INTERESTED IN RENEWING CONTRACT IN VIEW OF TRANSPORT  
DIFFICULTIES. URIONA BLAMES RECESSION EFFECT LARGELY ON SMALL  
AUTOMOBILE SALES IN U.S.

2. ABOVE MEANS SMALL MINERS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SELL ANTIMONY,  
AND COPPER CONCENTRATES FOR LACK OF MARKET.  
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